

MINNESOTA CORN & SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST MONTH

**CORN** production is forecast at 1.1 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August 1 forecast but down 2 percent from the record high corn production in 2004, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Based on September 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 157.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from August 1. This forecast is down 2 bushels per acre from the record high yield in 2004.

**SOYBEAN** production for Minnesota as of September 1 is forecast at 275 million bushels. This is up 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 16 percent from 2004. Soybean yield is forecast at 41.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from August 1 and up 7.5 bushels per acre from 2004.

**SUGARBEET** production is forecast at 8.6 million tons, down 4 percent from the August 1 forecast. Yield is forecast at 18.5 tons per acre, down 0.6 tons per acre from August 1 and down 2.4 ton per acre from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**CORN** production is forecast at 10.6 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month but 10 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the second largest crop on record. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from August but 17.2 bushels below the record high last year. Forecast yields are down from the previous year in all Corn Belt States except Michigan and Wisconsin. Compared with last year, the largest yield decreases are expected in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and New Jersey. Farmers expect to harvest 74.3 million acres of corn for grain, down 50,000 acres from August but up 1 percent from 2004.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 2.86 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 9 percent from the record crop of 2004. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.6 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from August. Adequate moisture across most of the Corn Belt and the Great Plains by the end of the month was a relief for many dry areas, including most of the drought-stricken areas of Illinois and Missouri. The Delta and Southeast also received favorable moisture, maintaining good yield potential in most areas, including a record high forecast in Louisiana and a record tying forecast in South Carolina.

**SUGARBEET** production for 2005 is forecast at 26.3 million tons, 1 percent below the August forecast and 12 percent below last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, down 5,000 acres from last month and 5 percent below last year. The yield is forecast at 21.2 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from August and 1.7 tons below 2004. The production forecast for Minnesota, the largest sugarbeet-producing state, is down 393,000 tons, or 4 percent, from August due to unfavorably hot, dry weather in August. Nebraska's production forecast also decreased from August, while production forecasts for Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, and Oregon are higher than in August, mostly due to favorable growing conditions.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION FORECAST

COMMODITY	Acres Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2004 (000)	2005 (000)	2004	2005		2004 (000)	2005 (000)
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
MINNESOTA							
CORN (Bu)	7,050	7,000	159.0	155.0	157.0	1,120,950	1,099,000
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,050	6,700	33.5	40.0	41.0	236,175	274,700
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	470	464	20.9	19.1	18.5	9,823	8,584
UNITED STATES							
CORN (Bu)	73,632	74,318	160.4	139.2	143.2	11,807,217	10,638,661
SOYBEANS (Bu)	73,958	72,184	42.5	38.7	39.6	3,140,996	2,856,449
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,306.9	1,242.8	22.9	21.3	21.2	29,956	26,296